

KENTUCKY INDIVIDUAL BUILDING SURVEY FORM

(KHC 2014-1)

COUNTY Jefferson

RESOURCE # JF-2777

EVALUATION N / Eligible: member of a group

SHPO EVALUATION _____

DESTROYED _____

1. **NAME OF RESOURCE** (how determined): Fern Creek Wesleyan Camp Dining Hall/Dormitory
2. **4 / Original or later significant uses of the property**

3. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:**
7009 South Watterson Trail
Louisville, Kentucky 40291

4. **UTM REFERENCE:**
Quad Name: Jeffersontown Date: 1994
Zone: 16 Method: C / Commonwealth Base Map
Easting: 621438.3949E Northing: 4222914.0664N

5. **OWNER/ADDRESS:**
Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC
10035 Forest Glen Blvd,
Louisville, KY 40223

6. **FIELD RECORDER/AFFILIATION:** R. Kennedy and E. Skinner/Corn Island Archaeology

7. **DATE RECORDED:** July 2014

8. **SPONSOR:** Pulte Homes

9. **INITIATION:** 5 / Other (specify) To be demolished

10. **OTHER DOCUMENTATION:**
☒ Survey JF-033 ☐ HABS/HAER
☐ KY Land ☐ Local Land
☐ NHL ☐ NR

11. **REPORT/NR REFERENCE:**
N/A

12. **ORIGINAL PRIMARY FUNCTION:**
06: Religious - E: Other

13. **CURRENT PRIMARY FUNCTION:**
99V: Vacant Abandoned

14. **CONSTRUCTION DATE:** Estimated 3: 1925-1949
Documented: ca 1939

15. **DATE OF MAJOR ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS** (specify): _____

16. **CONSTRUCTION METHOD AND MATERIAL:**
Original/Primary: W3 / Frame type unknown
Subsequent/Secondary: _____

17. **DIMENSIONS:** Height: C: 2 Story
Width: _____ Depth: _____ Acreage: _____
3,000 sq ft

17. **PLAN:**
First: O / Other (specify) 3-aisle dorm
Second: _____

18. **STYLISTIC INFLUENCE:**
First: 6:R: Lodge/Rustic
Second: 6:V: Vernacular Early 20th

19. **FOUNDATION:**
Type: 1 / Piers
Material: R / Poured Concrete

20. **PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL:**
Original: I / Weatherboard
Replacement: _____

21. **ROOF CONFIGURATION AND COVERING:**
Configuration: B / Gable, front
Covering: 7 / Standing seam metal

22. **CONDITION:**
P / Poor-in need of major repairs

23. **MODIFICATION:** 1 / Little or no alteration

24. **ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Fern Creek Wesleyan Camp

25. **PHOTOGRAPH FILE:**

26. **WINDOWS:** ☒ Original ☐ Replacement
Type: Wood Sash Sash Configuration: awning shutters

27. **OUTBUILDINGS:** No Number and type

28. **PHOTO**



West elevation (façade), looking SE.

29. **COMMENTS/HISTORICAL INFORMATION:**
This is among the oldest buildings constructed by the Fern Creek Wesleyan Camp. It was built in 1939 to serve as a dormitory and dining hall/kitchen. See continuation sheets for more information.

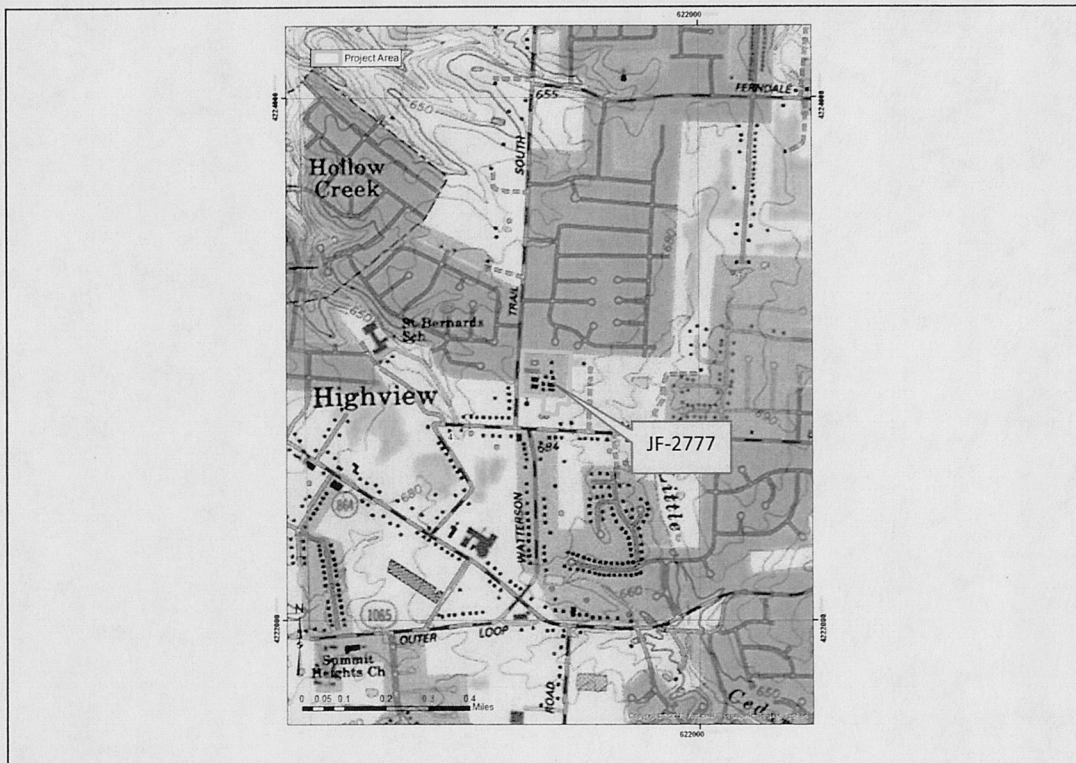
30. SUPPORT RESOURCES:

SITE PLAN KEY	FUNCTION	CONSTRUCTION DATE	METHOD/MATERIAL

31. SITE PLAN (Complete if #27 was answered or if you are using sub-numbers):



32. MAP (Scan or attach copy of map showing exact location of resources):



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This frame, two-and-a-half story building is the earliest public building on-site and was built quickly to accommodate the first camp meeting in 1939. The building is clad in weatherboard and features hinged shutters, rather than traditional windows. It was constructed in 1939 by caretaker Rev Ralph Golding and his brethren Jason Hayes, to serve as the first dining hall/kitchen area and dormitory. According to reminiscences by Rev Golding in the late 1990s, the foundation walls were obtained from an old army structure associated with Camp Taylor. Rather than a military feel, like some of the public buildings on this campus, this building resembles an agricultural outbuilding.

The west and east elevations contain the main entryways into this building. These elevations feature a three bay window-door-window arrangement on the first and second floors. Portions of a metal stair remain on the west elevation. This stair may have originally risen from the southern corner of the west elevation to the second floor central door. There may also have been access to the third half-story from this stair. Currently there is no access to either the third half-story or second floor from this exterior stair. The east elevation no longer has an exterior access stair but evidence of one remains as shadow lines on the building. The west elevation may well have been the main entryway, as it features access to the first floor through a set of decorative wood panel doors. All other doors are wooden battened doors that resemble those found on agricultural outbuildings.

The building's south elevation features ten vertically-hinged shutters on the second floor and six awning-style shutters on the first floor. As access was not available to the second floor of this building, it is unclear if each of these upper-story shutters corresponded to a single dorm room. The first floor shutters light the dining hall space. The north elevation features the exact same design.

Access on the interior was limited to the first floor, as the interior stair was not safe to traverse. The first floor is characterized by what appears to be a three-aisle arrangement. The interior first floor has wood flooring, open wooden ceilings, and open stud walls with corner support bracing. As far as could be seen, the walls were unpainted. The overall appearance on the interior is of an agricultural building. It is assumed that the builders were well-acquainted with barn-building.

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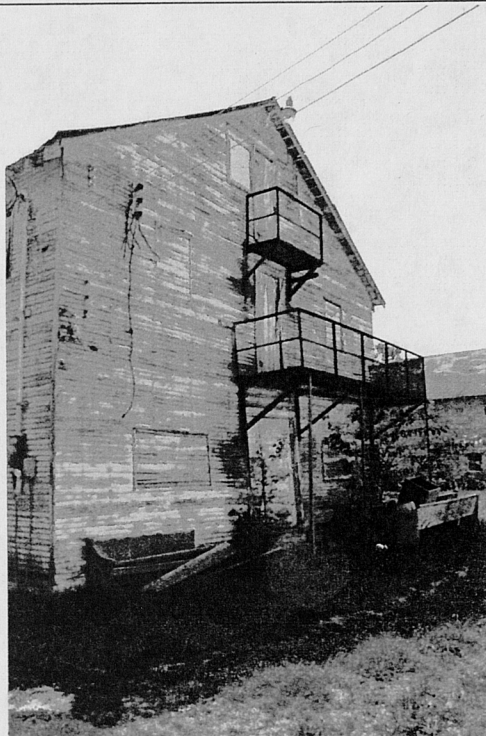
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JF2777_1: West elevation, looking SE.

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JF2777_2: Close-up of west elevation stair, looking SE.



JF2777_3: Close-up of west elevation first floor entryway, looking east.

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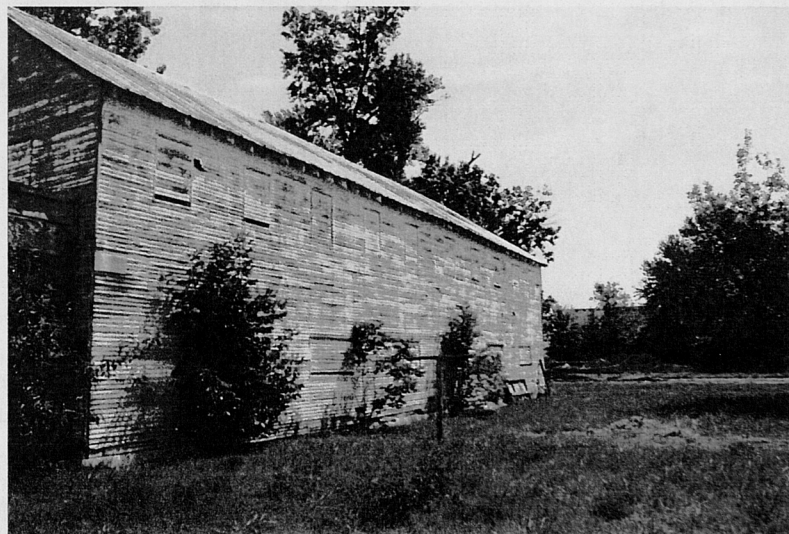
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JF2777_4: Close-up of second and third half-story, looking NE.



JF2777_5: South elevation, looking NE.

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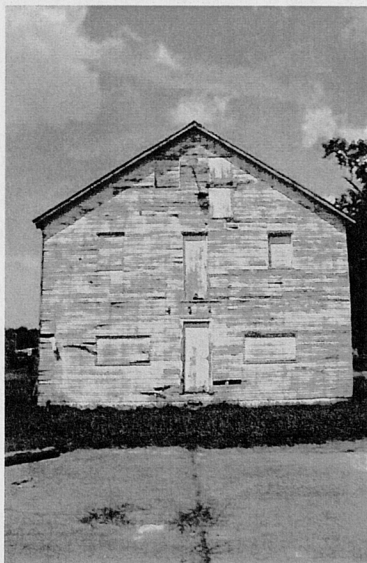
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JF2777_6: Detail of hinged awning shutter on south elevation, looking north.



JF2777_7: East elevation, taken from basketball court facing west.

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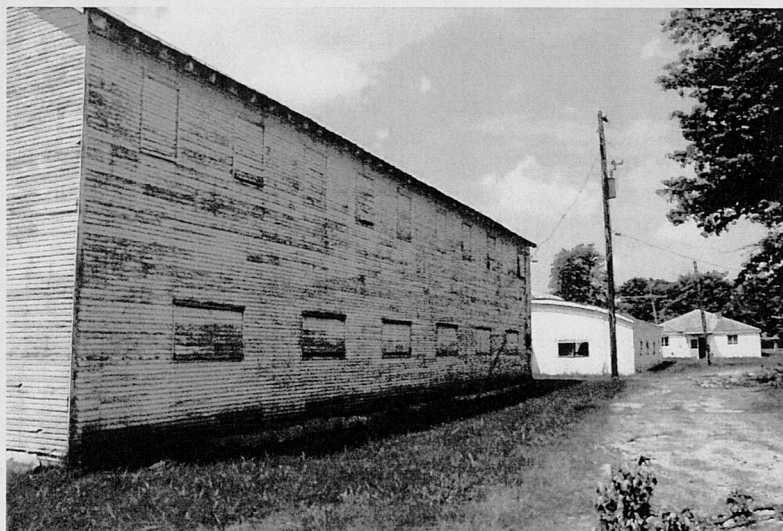
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JF2777_8: Upper story access and window on east elevation, facing west.



JF2777_9: North elevation, looking SE toward rear of dining hall/kitchen (JF-2775).

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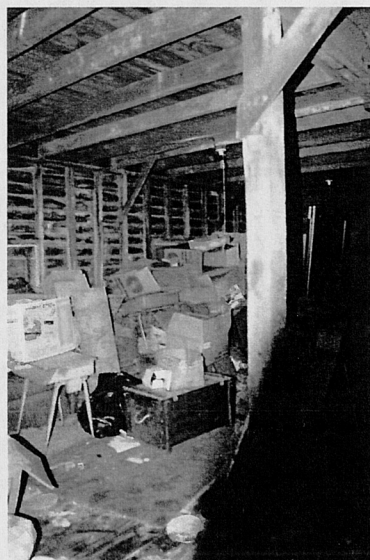
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JF2777_10: Upper story hinged shutter on north elevation.



JF2777_11: Interior of building. Photo taken from front entrance (west elev) looking toward north wall.

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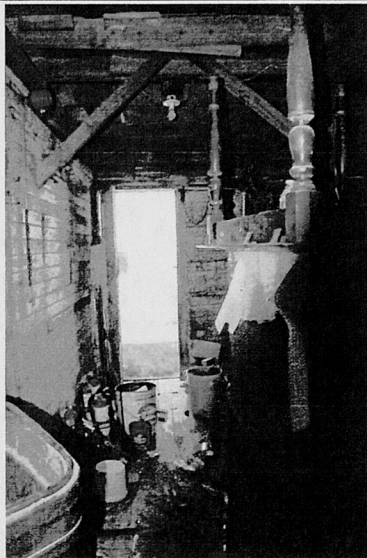
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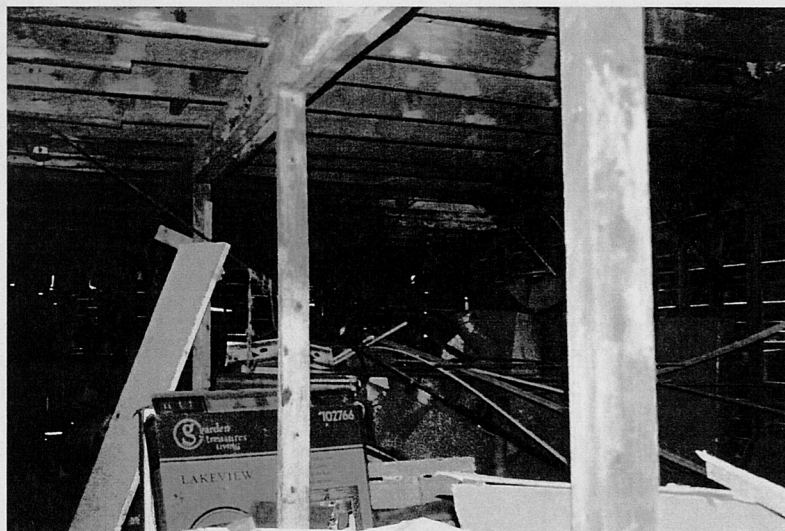
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JF2777_12: Interior of first floor looking toward west elevation entryway.



JF2777_13: Interior of first floor, looking toward south wall.

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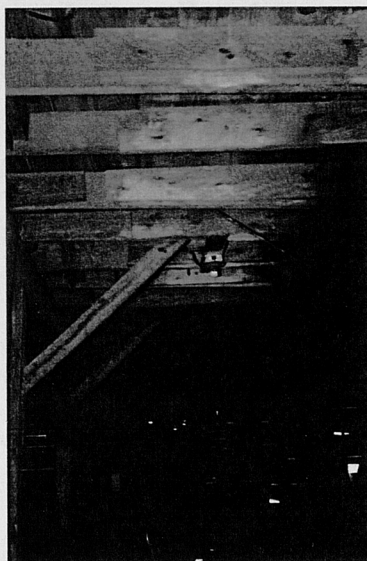
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JF2777_14: Shutter on the north wall, looking NE.



JF2777_15: Ceiling on first floor near center of space, looking toward east wall.

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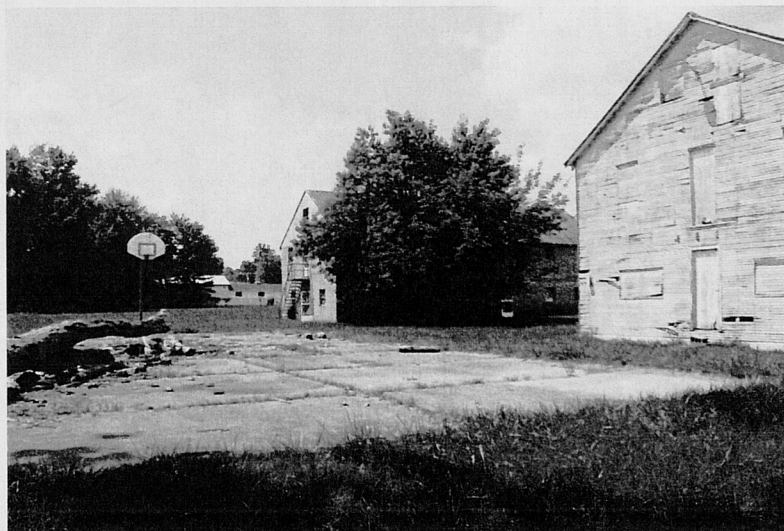
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JF2777_16: A lovely photo of the author demonstrating how the shutters worked. No doubt, there were originally interior support bars to prop them open.



JF2777_17: The old dining hall/dorm (JF-2777) and the Girl's Dorm (JF-2776), looking south.